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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER ABOUT ARGENTINA LAWYER

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1. LIMA DAILY LA PRENSA NOVEMBER 12 CARRIES A STORY ABOUT A MESSAGE REPORTEDLY SENT TO CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE

PERUVIAN LAWYERS FEDERATION, EZEQUIEL RAMIREZNOVOA, ON BEHALF OF AN ARGENTINA LAWYER, MARIO G, YACUB, REPORTEDLY DETAINED BY THE ARGENTINE POLICE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, RAMIREZ NOVOA HAS ASKED CONGRESSMAN FRASER TO INTERVENE WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN YACUB'S FREEDOM. RAMIREZ NOVOA SAYS THAT YACUB IS A MAN OF PROFOUND DEMOCRATIC CONVICTIONS WHO WAS "KIDNAPPED" FROM HIS STUDY IN BUENOS AIRES BY THREE HOODED PERSONS. " I GUARANTEE THAT DR. MARIO GERARDO YACUB HAS COMMITTED NO OTHER CRIME THAN TO BE TRUE TO HIS OATH TO DEFEND JUSTICE", ARTICLE QUOTES RAMIREZ NOVOA. "I ASK YOU (FRASER) TO INTERVENE TO SAVE HIS LIFE".

3. WHILE THIS EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS IN THE CASE AND NO OPINION ON VALIDITY OF THESE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS, DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT RAMIREZ NOVOA WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE PERUVIAN LAWYERS FEDERATION IN MAY 1975 WITH THE SUPPORT

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OF THE RADICAL VELASCO GOVERNMENT. IN REPORTING HIS SELECTION, THE EMBASSY NOTED: QUOTE RAMIREZ IS A WELL-KNOWN LEFTIST LAWYER, WHO HAS OFTEN BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNIST FRONT ACTIVITIES IN PERU. HE WAS AMONG THOSE WHO MOST ACTIVELY CALLED FOR THE RESORATION OF PERU'S DEPLOMATIC TIES WITH CUBA; TODAY, HE IS REPORTEDLY THE CUBAN EMBASSY'S LEGAL ADVISOR. IN YEARS PAST, HE ALSO WORKED ACTIVELY FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF PERU'S OIL AND COPPER DEPOSITS. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MOST RADICAL ADVISORS OF THE REGIME UNQUOTE (REFTEL).  
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